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Mr. Tefera Mekonnen TEFERA, officially assumed his duty, as Secretary General of the AFCAC, on 7th January, 2019.



The newly appointed President of AFCAC, Mr. Gabriel LESA chaired the handing over ceremony held in the Conference Room of AFCAC between the outgoing Interim Secretary General, Mr. Papa Atoumane FALL and Mr. Tefera Mekonnen, TEFERA.



Mr. Tefera welcomed Mr Gabriel LESA, the new AFCAC President and DG of Zambia CAA on his 1st official visit to the AFCAC Headquarters, in Dakar assuring him that all shall be done to enhance the effectiveness of AFCAC.



Mr. Gabriel LESA, President of AFCAC, wished Mr. Tefera, success in his new duties and assured him of the Bureau's support to the Secretariat, calling for a strategic approach to meet the expectations of member States. The President called for a collective responsibility by all AFCAC Staff to rally around the new Secretary General of AFCAC, to enhance effectiveness at all levels.



The handover ceremony between the two bureaus took place earlier at Victoria Falls, Zambia on 5 December, 2018, during which the new bureau comprising the President and Vice President were elected, as follow:

- Mr Gabriel Lesa, President (Zambia)
- Mr Serge Florent Dzota, Vice President, Central Region (Congo (Rep.))
- Mr David Mpango Kakuba, Vice President, Eastern Region (Uganda)
- Mr Habib Mekki, Vice President, Northern Region (Tunisia)
- Mr Solomon Dube, Vice President, Southern Region (Eswatini)
- Capt. Muhtar Usman, Vice President, Western Region (Nigeria).





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During a meeting which was called on December 6th, 2018, at the Avani Hotel in Livingstone, Zambia by the Interim Secretary General with AFCAC, regrouping the AFCAC Secretariat Staff and the new President of the Bureau, the Interim Secretary General congratulated the new President and the Secretary General for their appointments. The AFCAC staff present in Livingstone were introduced to the new President of the AFCAC Bureau, Staff present were given an opportunity to air their views and make recommendations for the improvement of AFCAC's activities. Action points were also discussed. At the end of the meeting, the new President of the Bureau thanked the staff present and expressed his commitment to support the AFCAC Secretariat. The staff of AFCAC were honoured with a presentation by the Zambia CAA PR, Ms. Sepiso Zimba on Communication Strategies.

The Newly appointed Secretary General of AFCAC, Mr. Tefera Mekonnen, TEFERA paid Courtesy Visits to H. E. the Chairperson of the AUC, Mr. Moussa Faki, who later extended the commitment of his Office and the Secretariat to assist AFCAC in the mobilization of financial resources to the Executing Agency of the YD (AFCAC) and support on policy matters.



Mr. Tefera in his response, conveyed his appreciation to the Chairperson, who, during his first visit to the AFCAC Secretariat in Dakar (October 2018), provided guidance to the Secretariat Staff and shared the expectation of African States and the AUC, regarding the role of AFCAC, as the Specialized Agency on all matters of civil aviation.



The AUC Chairperson assured the AFCAC Secretary General that the AUC would focus on policy matters while AFCAC's main focus should be on delivering on its areas of specialty, in accordance with its mandate, as given by the AU.



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The 2nd meeting of the Civil Aviation Industry Stakeholders on implementation of the SAATM Prioritized Action Plan kicked off in Dakar on 28 Jan. 2019. Full operationalization of the Executing Agency of the YD gathers pace through establishment of a common platform for partners and Stakeholders.



SECOND MEETING OF AVIATION INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITISED ACTION PLAN FOR
OPERATIONALISATION OF THE SINGLE AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT MARKET (SAATM) 2018-2019
28 - 29 January 2019

The Secretary General of AFCAC held a consultative meeting with the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Energy of the AUC, Dr. (Mrs) Amani Abou-Zeid and the Director of Infrastructure, Mr. Cheikh Bedda, on the sideline of the IATF in Cairo. The Commissioner congratulated Mr. Tefera on his appointment and assured him of the continued support of the AUC, to enable AFCAC to be more effective and meet the expectations of Member States and Partners.





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Mombasa, Kenya - 14 December 2018. The AFCAC team agreed to host the ICAO Regional Workshop on CORSIA in Dakar, Senegal from 11 - 12 April 2018. All member States of AFCAC are welcome to attend.



The European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), jointly organized with the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and the Civil Aviation Authority (DGAC) of Tunisia, on 11 January, 2019, a seminar on Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, the 1st capacity building programme in the Sub Region.



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